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INVENTION: "A METHOD, APPARATUS AND SYSTEM FOR OPERATING AN
AUTOMATIC COMPONENT MOUNTING UNIT FOR MOUNTING
COMPONENTS ONTO A SUBSTRATE OF AN ELECTRICAL
ASSEMBLY"

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants respectfully request that a citation and examination of the documents identified on the attached PTO-1449 be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application. By citing the following documents, Applicants do not admit that the documents are prior art and reserve the right to, if possible, antedate or otherwise demonstrate that the documents are not prior art.

DOCUMENTS

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

U.S. Patent No. 5,285,946

U.S. Patent No. 5,537,204

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

AM WO 92/22827

AN WO 97/37522

AO WO 98/37744

REMARKS

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

Applicants are submitting this Information Disclosure Statement within three months of the filing date of the application, and therefore, no fee is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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